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ants: David M. Giuntoli et al.

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FOR: HYDROGEL AND SCRIM ASSEMBLY FOR USE WITH ELECTRO-ACUPUNCTURE DEVICE WITH STIMULATION

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE of David M. Giuntoli, et al. to an Office Action mailed June 1, 2005 for the above-identified application.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 1, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.